CVB resident complaints accumulate, housing services releases an apology

As she walked into the laundry facility inside of the Campus Village Building B while cleaning her sad bag of laundry, this student was disproportionately upset, but not surprised to see a bunch of washing machines out of order.

"The university mandates that students pay a fee to access the washing machines in the dormitories, however, Mayes said he is frustrated that his money is going toward facilities that don’t work.

"I'm already paying for my rent," he said. "I have to spend money to get clothing washed and toward facilities that don't work."
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“One of the leading causes was pneumonia,” said Cartwright. “More people are going to die of pneumonia because they’re out in the elements. We can’t do this, we can’t just kill people.”

According to a study done by the Santa Clara County Analyzing homeless deaths between 2011-16, “Alcohol and drug abuse continues to claim a significant number of homeless deaths.”

Nouri believes solutions will come faster if the VTA board members and city council members use transit themselves.

“I would love for Santa Clara County to start riding these buses,” said Nouri. “Less than half the drivers and the challenges that they themselves have put in the path of their residents.”

Craig Wardrip, assistant bus service agent for maintenance in the 265 transit union for VTA, was among the protesters at the meeting, representing the transit union.

“A lot of people don’t know about us, they see VTA and that’s all they see,” said Wardrip. “We are the heart and soul of VTA. We’re the mechanics, we’re the drivers.”

According to Wardrip, the transit union is against the cuts and hikes in fares.

“We’re fighting for the homeless to stay on our buses,” said Wardrip. “We want more overnight buses.”

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students, but providing appropriate environments as well. “We also have to consider that housing is a basic human right and it’s a necessity,” Sandhu said. “So it should be something that is clean and safe for the students.”

Kinesiology junior Victoria Forrester said that students who are making efforts to make on-time rent payments should at least get the bare minimum housing accommodations.

“We got a bug resolution in our dorm. We noticed their last semester in October and now we found them recently too,” Forrester said. “Probably because of the cold.”

Students have lost hope in the university’s housing to fix any problems within the dorms because of their requests not being met. “We don’t even report it as much anymore because they never do anything about it,” Forrester said. Anthropology junior Danielle Coloma said when she did contact the school about the state of her washing machine, housing didn’t help her as much as she would have wanted. “When I contacted the school about the washer being broken, they had me call the company. We have to spend our time when it’s their job.”

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According to San Jose State Housing Services, the starting rate for a studio apartment in Campus Village Building B for the spring 2019 semester was $7,647.

Meanwhile, the starting rate for the same studio space in the spring 2014 semester was $5,417.

“I work at the Village Market to pay my rent because it’s not covered all the way,” (financial aid), Forrester said.

CVR residents often find themselves paying an inflated amount of rent yet the facilities that are supposed to be included are not accessible for use.

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Spartans got three times the talent

By Courtney Vasquez

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“I think we all struggle trying to figure out who wins,” Yang said. “There’s some acts that were just real top-notch, and [we] kind of had to struggle.”

Samantha Cardenas, Associated Students events coordinator, expressed how she thought the talent show went just as planned even though it was the first Spartans Got Talent show ever held.

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Students don’t care if a president listens to Snoop Dogg, we just want someone who can make a positive difference in our country. While this is something a 2020 presidential candidate is recognized for, one candidate in particular could be taking it too far to win over the votes of young adults. Just last month, presidential candidate Sen. Kamala Harris spoke about marijuana in a radio interview on 910 WSKY in Macon, Georgia while talking about how she smoked marijuana in college.

Harris’ campaign manager at the time even told Capitol Weekly that Harris believed “that drug selling harms communities.” The New York Times' Laura Bashian reported that as a prosecutor, Sen. Harris supported the incarceration of nonviolent drug offenders. In 2013 she opposed a California bill requiring officers to wear body cams. While saying this had the potential to make her more relatable to young voters, she failed to impress listeners and instead received accusations of lying. Snoop Dogg and Tupac did not even pro-marijuana, only for her to have been demeaning if Harris’ campaign for the Democratic State Senate in California is getting the vote, “said Kalmanovich.

It is contradictory for Harris to speak positively about recreational smoking of marijuana, only for her to have been demeaning if Harris believed to seniors like Siri. Therefore, voters are “de- voted to a better humanity,” and will work in the realms of health care, infrastructure, and financial services. This type of AI is the type that artificial intelligence can bring on the societal revolution, with its capabilities already shown promise within the world. Artificial intelligence has infiltrated people’s dai- ly lives, and now more and more people are recognizing the benefits. Digital assistants such as Siri and Alexa respond to user commands and use the internet to gather information in order to serve the user efficiently. Smart thermostats can adjust to comfortable tem- peratures of a home, and augmented reality applica- tions and cameras can be seen as intrusive at most, but nothing close to homicidal or dangerous. The Harvard Opinion Project poll, by the Harvard Public good, “A president should not appear to some young voters that Harris is getting the vote, “said Kalmanovich.

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Chartwells dishes out work-study woes

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It’s a bummer seeing older folks work- ing at the San Jose State Dining Commons. In the face of one of the worst student-home- lessness crises in SJSU history, this cannot be allowed to continue to happen.

“They’re definitely swaying away from hiring older folks if you look on their webpage they’re trying to find full-time employees for instance,” Billy Tran, graphic design sophomore and more current and Din- ing Commons employ- er said in regards to the hiring practices from that.

It’s time for Chartwells, the company that runs the eateries on campus, to stop hiring non-stu- dents to do jobs that stu- dents can do. Especially if those positions are mini- mum wage jobs with low qualifications, such as positions in the Dining Commons.

I realize this may come off as rude, but we must face the facts. Students in the Bay Area – especially in San Jose – need gain- ful employment opportu- nities and the Dining Commons is starting to stray away from that.

The success of SJSU Spartan Eats is built around our talented stu- dent team members and that is a belief we will continue to take pride in at San Jose State Uni- versity,” said Stephanie Fabian, Spartan Eats marketing director.

So why has there been a noticeable decrease in available positions for students, and why has students going to SJSU, who live outside the Bay Area and dorm on campus, it is a necessity.

The worst of their hiring is through, like a third-party temp work- erned company,” said a Din- ing Commons worker who has been employed since fall of 2017, before the Chartwells takeover. “They’re trying to find full-time positions, according to Chartwells, the offi- chart the SJSU website doesn’t display any part-time positions available. Every link leads you to either a full-time po- sition or an internship with ‘flexible hours’.

For a campus with student-governing bod- ies as active as ours, the administration should make sure that there are few, if any, students who have the time availability to work a full-time job for a Chartwells-owned campus eatery.

Chartwells is current- ly hiring full time positions, according to its hiring service, Compass Group.

With most students taking anywhere be- tween 12 and 16 units per semester, many can only spare 15-18 hours a week to work and not the 30-40 plus hours re- quired for a full-time position. While 15-20 hours is not much, it’s still necessary for cash- strapped students need- ing to pay their tuition, rent, and food costs.

To add another strike on Chartwells, the offi- cer said, “a source, a sophom- more business adminis- tration student, also said she has noticed the drop in student employment.

“But before, they hired majority students, but now there’s [so] much more older people,” she said.

That creates a major problem, and as a re- sult, there are very few, if any, students who have the time availability to work a full-time job for a Chartwells-owned campus eatery.

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If they want to hire non-students who have the means to make sure that jobs at those governing bodies prioritize sad positions for lower-income students from outside the area.

“Spartan Eats is currently trying to hire a student-team members on campus,” Fabian said.

That is a high number, and it is one it should strive to keep. But its cur- rent hiring practices lead to a di- fferent fate.

As evidenced by sell- ing the Spartan Stadium naming rights to CEF- CU Bank and by selling the Spartan Shops rights to Chartwells, SJSU has once again placed capital profit above the needs of its proletariat.

The administration needs to get its head out of its ox and its loyal- ty out of Chartwells’ money clip.

Earnestly, even though Chartwells has provided much better food service quality than its predeces- sor Spartan Shops, this does not excuse unilater- al loss of student jobs. I suppose this has come as no surprise.

The administration has already shown a clear right for its most needy students.

Why would they when they can simply pay the revenue by part- nering with third-party corporations that don’t answer to the CSU?

Fuck third-party cor- porate interests, give the jobs to the students.

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Alyssa Graham hugs Kaelin Amrein whose 4-run triple helped win Game 2 against Manhattan College on Tuesday.

SJSU softball seals 10th straight win